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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO

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1. POLCOUNS DISCUSSED PUERTO RICO WITH MFA DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT ADIL FADL ON MARCH 10 MAKING POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL B AND EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO THIS ISSUE. SINCE SUBJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH FADL HE WAS FULLY CONVERSANT WITH US POSITION. WITH REGARD TO FINAL DOCUMENT OF LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE OF AUGUST 30, 1975, FADL SAID EGYPTIAN DELEGATION HAD IN ITS CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER DELS TAKEN POSITION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM MFA, THAT PARAGRAPH 85 ON PUERTO RICO WAS INTERFERENCE IN AMERICAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF FACT MAJORITY OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES FAVORED PARA 85 AND DECLARATION WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. EGYPT HAD GONE ALONG WITH MAJORITY.

2. FADL CONFIRMED THAT GOE POSITION ON PUERTO RICO IS IDENTICAL TO THAT OF US AND THAT IT WILL NOT EXERT ANY EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT PARAGRAPH 85 OF NAC DECLARATION NOR SUPPORT CUBAN INITIATIVES IN ANY INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. WHEN POLCOUNS SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF GOE WERE TO MAKE PUBLIC ITS POSITION AND/OR
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ACTIVELY OPPOSE INCLUSION OF PUERTO RICO ITEM IN FUTURE

NON-ALIGNED OR UN RESOLUTIONS, FADL SAID HE "PERSONALLY"
THOUGHT IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT GOE COULD DO EITHER IN VIEW OF
RELATIVE UNIMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO MOST NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
AND AS LONG AS MAJORITY OF NON-ALIGNED FAVORED INCLUSION.

3. COMMENT: THERE APPEARS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT GOE WILL BE
WILLING TO PLAY OTHER THAN PASSIVE ROLE ON PUERTO RICO QUESTION
UNLESS DECISION MADE AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOE. EMBASSY PROPOSES
THAT AMBASSADOR, AT APPROPRIATE TIME, RAISE MATTER WITH MINISTER
OF STATE RIAD AND FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY.
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